

Amendment Offered by Mr. Melvin Watt

**To the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute
Offered by Mr. Jones and Mr. Maloney**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert instead the following:

SECTION 1. STUDY OF RENT-TO-OWN INDUSTRY

(a) STUDY- The Federal Trade Commission shall conduct a study of the extent to which rent-to-own transactions are conducted in interstate commerce between rent-to-own businesses and rent-to-own consumers from different states, whether consumers currently understand the total costs of rent-to-own transactions, what information consumers have available at present, what alternatives to the rent-to-own transaction consumers typically consider, what information consumers would like to have about the total cost of the rental purchase and the extent to which rent-to-own businesses are complying with existing state statutes and/or regulations.

(b) REPORT- Before the end of the 18 month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit a report to the House Financial Services Committee on the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) and shall include such recommendations as the Secretary determines to be appropriate for administrative and legislative action.